

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Tuesday, September 22, 2020
7:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES



Supervisor Heise called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Kurt Heise, Supervisor
Mark Clinton, Treasurer
Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Chuck Curmi, Trustee
Jack Dempsey, Trustee
Bob Doroshewitz, Trustee
Gary Heitman, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Fellrath, Director of Public Services
Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Tom Tiderington, Police Chief
Jon Brothers, Police Lieutenant
Dan Kudra, Police Lieutenant
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
10 Members of the Public

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Dorian Thompson

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of September 22, 2020 as written. Ayes all.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 **Amendment to Resolution 2020-09-08-87**

D.2 **Approval of Minutes:**
Regular Meeting - Tuesday, September 8, 2020

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D.3 Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports

- Building Department Monthly Report - August 2020
- Fire Department Monthly Report - August 2020
- Police Department Monthly Report - August 2020
- Planning Department Monthly Report - August 2020

D.4 Approval of Township Bills:

FUND	ACCT	ALREADY PAID	TO BE PAID	TOTAL:
General Fund	101	460,388.98	118,003.82	578,392.80
Solid Waste Fund	226	4310.59	106.07	4416.66
Improvement Revolving (Capital)	246	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture Fund	265	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture State	266	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture IRS	267	.00	.00	.00
Golf Course Fund	510	.00	.00	.00
Senior Transportation	588	5573.36	678.61	6251.97
Water/Sewer Fund	592	185,664.96	26,962.67	212,627.63
Trust and Agency	701	.00	.00	.00

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Police Bond Fund	702	4853.00	.00	4853.00
Tax Pool	703	112,934.40	.00	112,934.00
Special Assessment Capital	805	38.01	00	38.01
TOTALS:		773,763.30	145,751.17	919,514.47

Clerk Vorva explained Item D.1, the need for an amendment to Resolution 2020-09-08-87 because of the need to specify State Forfeiture Fund Capital Outlay, rather than Federal, and changing the account number.

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of September 22, 2020. Ayes all.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 Minutes)

Nancy Conzelman, former Clerk and Clerk candidate had questions regarding transparency about a former employee’s allegations regarding a hostile work environment and payment of settlement.

Supervisor Heise indicated this period was for public comment, not questions.

Duane Zantop had comments regarding actions of Ms. Conzelman during her term as Clerk.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Copies of resolutions or attachments referred to below are available in the Clerk’s office for public perusal.

1. FOIA Appeal from Nancy Conzelman, *Supervisor Kurt Heise and Township Attorney Kevin Bennett*

Ms. Conzelman commented further on her request and the opinion of Attorney Bennett.

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Moved by Trustee Doroshewitz to deny the FOIA Appeal of Nancy Conzelman received by the Board of Trustees on September 8, 2020.

This motion was withdrawn by the maker, and the following motion was offered:

Moved by Trustee Doroshewitz and seconded by Trustee Heitman to uphold the denial of the FOIA Appeal of Nancy Conzelman received by the Board of Trustees on September 8, 2020. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

2. SAD Engineering Request for Woodbrook Subdivision, **Resolution #2020-09-22-90**, *Public Services Director Patrick Fellrath and George Tsakoff, OHM Advisors*

Patrick Fellrath, Public Services Director and George Tsakoff of OHM addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the request for authorization to conduct preliminary engineering for the proposed SAD project. Currently 52.4% of total frontage support the project and 51.7% of total units are in support. One additional signature was recently received.

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva to authorize the engineering firm OHM Advisors to perform Preliminary Engineering per the Township's SAD Policy for Road Improvements for the proposed Woodbrook Subdivision SAD Road Improvement Project, as submitted and described on the received petition for a cost not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$14,200.00).

ROLL CALL: AYES: Heitman, Vorva, Doroshewitz, Clinton, Curmi, Heise
NAYS: Dempsey

Motion carried.

3. Demolition Ordinance Amendments Second Reading, **Resolution #2020-09-22-91**, *Township Attorney Kevin Bennett*

Attorney Bennett reviewed the changes made at the last meeting.

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Dempsey to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1016, Amendment 26. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

4. Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) IPP Rules Amendments Second Reading, **Resolution #2020-09-22-92**, *Township Attorney Kevin Bennett*

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Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva that the Board adopt **Resolution #2020-09-22-92**. This will constitute the second reading of Ordinance 1016, Amendment 25 to the Water and Sewer Ordinance. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

5. Annual Millage Rate Approval, **Resolution #2020-09-22-93**, *Treasurer Mark Clinton*

Treasurer Clinton indicated the proposed rate is a slight reduction from last year. The established tax rate must be submitted to Wayne County each year by September 30.

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Treasurer Clinton to approve **Resolution #2020-09-22-93** hereby approving the attached 2020 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029 as completed by Treasurer Clinton with a millage request of 5.1689 to be levied on December 1, 2020 and to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to sign the form and submit it to the Wayne County Equalization Division prior to the September 30, 2020 deadline. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

6. Police and Fire Budget Discussions, *Finance Director Ginger Moriarty, Police Chief Tom Tiderington, and Fire Chief Dan Phillips*

Police Chief Tiderington, along with Lieutenants Jon Brothers and Dan Kudra, discussed the upcoming 2-year budget proposals and thanked the Board for their continued support.

Fire Chief Dan Phillips also thanked the Board for their support and presented proposed expenditures for the next two years.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 Minutes)

John Stewart thanked the Police and Fire Chiefs and issued an invitation to a home on Ann Arbor Trail to hear the Michigan Philharmonic make a Christmas tape. Also, a former Plymouth Township priest has appeared on TV and asked that Thursday, September 24, be a day of ecumenical fasting and prayer.

Nancy Conzelman expressed her surprise that the Board has eliminated questions from the public during the meeting. She also expressed regret that the Board packets are no longer searchable and total budgets are no longer available on the website.

Duane Zantop disagreed with Ms. Conzelman's comments regarding questions from the public during Board meetings of the last administration.

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Mary Weidel commented on an election flyer she received which she felt referred to a group of women in a derogatory and anti-female manner.

H. BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Heise noted the next meeting will be held on October 13.

Clerk Vorva noted that his deputy found additional grants of \$8,300 which can be used toward elections. Absentee ballots will be mailed soon.

Trustee Heitman commented on the placement of candidates' signs.

Trustee Curmi commented that Hazardous Waste Day will be October 3 and Shred Day will be October 10.

Supervisor Heise congratulated Trustee Dempsey on obtaining the historical marker in front of Township Hall which will soon be dedicated.

Treasurer Clinton noted that 96% of the summer taxes have been collected, showing no impact from COVID-19.

Fire Chief Phillips said pumpkins will soon be for sale at Fire Stations 1 and 3.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Trustee Doroshewitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Ayes all.

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Board of Trustees regular meeting of October 13, 2020.